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of; and am sorry to find it dwindled even to so low an ebb, as to become the pastime of little children only. Can any thing look more manly than this little fellow, who is shooting at a bird perched on a tree? and, from the manner in which he holds his bow and arrow, I will lay fifty marbles that he brings it down.



The reason why the bow and arrow are so much neglected is, as I apprehend, the want of knowing where to buy them, or how to make them. For my part, I would not give a penny for a hundred of those sold in the shops: they are indeed well enough

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enough for those infant children, who are too young to have any taste for science, and who buy their bows and arrows, like their drums and fiddles, that they may break them to pieces, and see what they are made of.

After two years practice in this pleasing art, and after having tried numberless experiments, at the expence of much labour and some cost, I flatter myself I am now enabled to give my young pupils such directions for the making of bows and arrows, as cannot fail to be acceptable to them. Indeed, the operation is so simple, and attended with so little expence, that I doubt not of having the honour of reviving an old science, which had long slept under the influence of ignorance and prejudice.

A stick of about a yard in length, and of a tolerable thickness, cut off a yew-tree, is the best thing you can use for the bow; but if this cannot be conveniently had, you may make it of ash. It should be neither too green, nor yet too dry for this purpose: if it is too green, a little use will soon deprive it of its power; and if

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